



**United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service  
South Carolina Crop Progress  
and Condition Report**



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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 6, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 2.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 70s.

**County Comments**

Continued lack of rain is becoming detrimental to pastures and soybeans. Premature leaf drop in soybeans was evident. Hay feeding was common because of the lack of grazing and declining pasture conditions.

**Jay Crouch, Newberry County**

Cotton harvest conditions continued to be excellent. Low humidity allowed longer harvest hours. Peanut harvest continued unabated with excellent drying conditions. Some digging concerns were reported because of extremely dry soils. Fields on heavy soils had to be irrigated before digging could continue.

**Charles Davis, Calhoun County**

Due to the dry weather conditions, harvest conditions were good. Non-irrigated vegetables took a hard hit. Without irrigation, farmers could not replant fall greens. Rains could help some soybeans, but it is too late for many crops.

**Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County**

The weather has been unusually hot and dry. Our fall crops will not be planted until we have some cool weather and rain.

**Zack Snipes, Beaufort County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/06/19**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening...	95	91	66	84
Cotton - Harvested.....	25	12	9	13
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	61	53	NA	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	57	42	30	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	37	24	13	24
Soybeans - Setting Pods	93	89	97	98
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves.....	32	16	31	28
Winter wheat - Planted...	0	0	0	6

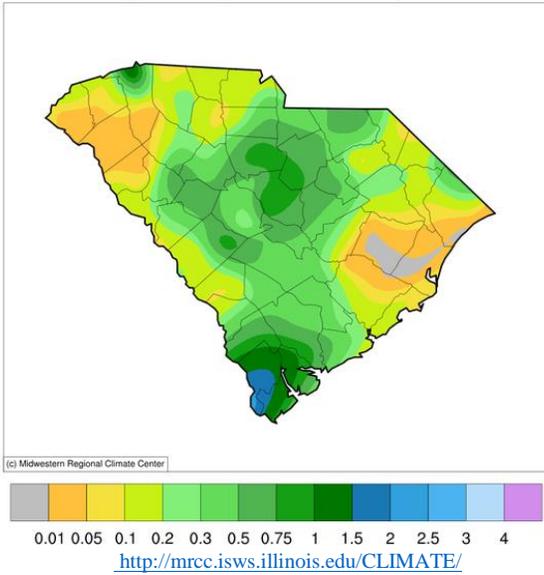
**Crop Condition for Week Ending 10/06/19**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	5	40	49	6
Cotton.....	1	8	29	56	6
Pasture and range.....	18	43	30	9	0
Peanuts.....	3	3	35	58	1
Soybeans.....	5	15	38	38	4

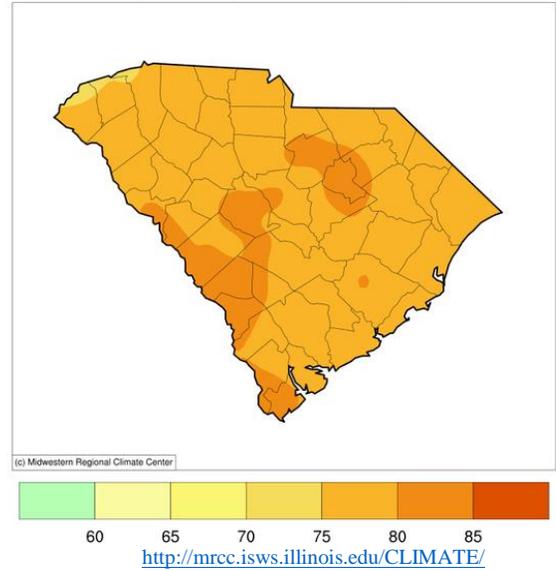
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/06/19**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	52	44
Short.....	44	41
Adequate.....	4	15
Surplus.....	0	0
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	41	27
Short.....	48	50
Adequate.....	11	23
Surplus.....	0	0

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
September 30, 2019 to October 06, 2019



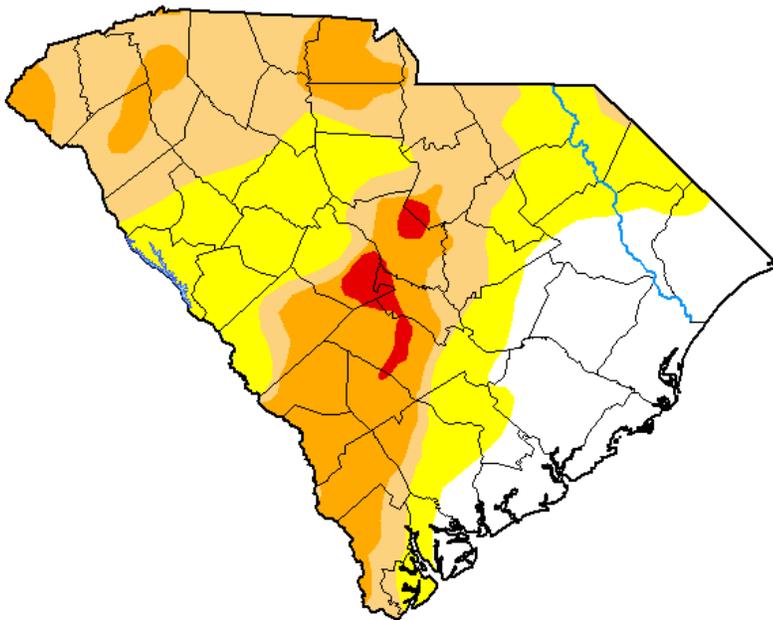
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
September 30, 2019 to October 06, 2019



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2019.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2019.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	22.06	77.94	48.67	20.47	1.77	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 09-24-2019	22.12	77.88	44.58	14.75	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 07-02-2019	75.78	24.22	6.68	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-01-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 10-01-2019	22.06	77.94	48.67	20.47	1.77	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 10-02-2018	77.52	22.48	6.92	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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